

Proclamation

*NAMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2014 AS
"TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH"
IN COMAL COUNTY*

WHEREAS, All young people deserve to be treated with respect; and

WHEREAS, Respectful, supportive, and non-violent relationships are key to safety, health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, Teen dating abuse is a significant health issue with 10-20% of youth reporting physical or sexual violence from a dating partner; and

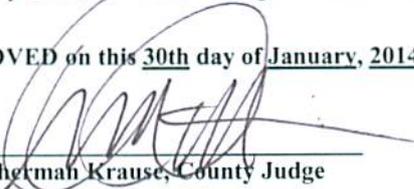
WHEREAS, Victimization increases teens' risk for injury, substance abuse, eating disorders, unwanted pregnancy, and suicide. Young people exposed to violence are at greater risk for becoming victims and perpetrators in adult relationships; and

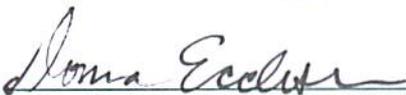
WHEREAS, Parents, teachers, coaches, healthcare providers, clergy, artists, musicians, and other important people in teens' lives have the power to influence youth in positive ways; and

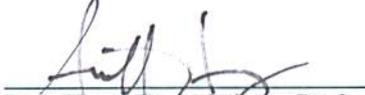
WHEREAS, We urge citizens to join the Crisis Center of Comal County in promoting healthy teen relationships and call upon youth and adults to observe "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month", with activities and conversations about respectful and non-violent relationships in their homes, schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby proclaim the month of February 2014, as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month."

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 30th day of January, 2014.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3


Jan Kennedy, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest:


Joy Streater, County Clerk